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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 STAN CHRISTIANSON,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 THE BOEING COMPANY,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-1349RSM

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO  
PERMIT SUBSTITUTION OF  
COUNSEL AND RENOTING  
MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

14 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Stan Christianson's "Motion to Permit  
15 Substitution of Counsel and Amendment of Complaint." Dkt. #10. This Motion first attempts  
16 to substitute in attorney Rodney R. Moody for prior Plaintiff's counsel Richard Hughes. This  
17 Motion does not conform to this Court's Local Rule on Attorney Appearance and Withdrawal,  
18 LCR 83.2. An attorney may make an entry of appearance by signing and filing a notice of  
19 appearance, complaint, amended complaint, answer, amended answer, notice of removal,  
20 motion to intervene, or motion for joinder. LCR 83.2(a). Mr. Moody has not filed any of these  
21 but has filed a motion to amend with an attached, unsigned proposed amended complaint. In  
22 the interest of saving judicial resources, the Court will accept this filing as an entry of  
23 appearance and direct the Clerk to add Mr. Moody as counsel in this case.  
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1 Mr. Hughes has not properly withdrawn as counsel under LCR 83.2(b). Almost all  
2 methods of withdrawal require Mr. Hughes to file a notice or motion. Plaintiff has personally  
3 indicated via declaration that he wishes for Mr. Moody to serve as his new counsel of record  
4 and that Mr. Hughes has left the state and “is no longer practicing in Washington.” *See* Dkt.  
5 #10-1. Given the various methods of withdrawal under LCR 83.2(b) and the interest of saving  
6 judicial resources, the Court will again accept these filings as adequate under LCR 83.2(b)(6)  
7 for Mr. Hughes to be removed as counsel of record for Plaintiff.

8 The Court notes that the instant Motion was not properly noted for consideration in the  
9 Court’s electronic filing system. The Court will grant the above relief now so that Plaintiff is  
10 represented but note the Motion for consideration on April 16 to allow for responsive briefing on  
11 the remaining issue of amendment.

12 Having reviewed the relevant pleadings and the remainder of the record, the Court  
13 hereby finds and ORDERS that Rodney R. Moody is hereby substituted in as current counsel of  
14 record for Plaintiff Stan Christianson. Mr. Hughes is removed as Plaintiff’s counsel. The Court  
15 DIRECTS the Clerk to make these changes and to note the instant Motion, Dkt. #10, for  
16 consideration on Friday, April 16, 2021, consistent with LCR 7(d)(3).

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18 DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.

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22 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
23 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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